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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MACHEL TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: A. STATE 17346 B. STATE 20458 C. STATE 35806

1. CHEIF DE CABINET SERGIO VIEIRA DELIVERED TO ME THIS MORNING A  
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT MACHEL TO PRESIDENT CARTER. FOLLOWING IS  
FULL TEXT OF LETTER AS TRANSLATED BY EMBASSY:  
QUOTE:

YOUR EXCELLENCY  
JAMES EARL CARTER  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WASHINGTON

EXCELLENCY,  
DEAR FRIEND,

I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER, AS WELL AS  
THE LETTER SENT TO ME ON YOUR INSTRUCTIONS BY MR. CYRUS VANCE,  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I NOTED WITH SATISFACTION FROM YOUR LETTER THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY  
SHARES THE ANGUISH THAT CONCERNS ALL WHO VALUE LIBERTY, PEACE  
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AND THE DIGNITY OF MAN.

COLONIALISM AND RACISM, UNDER THEIR MANY GUISES, ALWAYS RESULT  
IN THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE DIGNITY  
OF MAN AND IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF CRIME INTO A ROUTINE.

FAR MORE SERIOUS IS THE THREAT TO THE PEACE THAT THEY PROVOKE.

THE RACIST REGIMES REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THAT POPULAR REVOLT IS THE PRODUCT OF THE OPPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE. THE STRUGGLE OF ZIMBABWE, THE STRUGGLE OF NAMIBIA, THE EXPLOSIONS IN THE URBAN GHETTOS IN SOUTH AFRICA, ARE MISREPRESENTED BY THEM AS THE MANIFESTATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY AND AGGRESSION, WITH THE INTENTION OF FOSTERING A NEW ANTI-WHITE RACISM.

THIS IS THE LOGIC WHICH DRIVES THE SALISBURY REGIME TO LAUNCH SYSTEMATIC ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST ALL THE STVEREIGN NON-RACIST STATES WITH WHICH IT HAS FRONTIERS. OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF THESE AGGRESSIONS WHICH INCREASE IN FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY. PARTICULARLY REVOLTING HAS BEEN THE MASSACRE OF THE POPULATION AND REFUGEES, OF WHICH NYAZONIA REPRESENTS ONE OF THE MOST REPUGNANT EXAMPLES TO THE HUMAN CONSCIENCE. THE ESCALATION OF THE AGLRESSION AND THE EXTENSION OF COMBAT BEYOND FRONTIERS ARE EXTREMELY SERIOUS THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND COULD EASILY LEAD TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION, AN INCREASE IN INTERNATIONAL TENSION, AND EVENTUALLY TO GENERAL CONFLICT.

AS IN THE PAST, AND CONSISTENT WITH ITS POLICY OF PEACE AND INDEPENDENCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE IS COMMITTED TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO ALL INITIATIVES THAT LEAD:

1. TO THE TOTAL AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE BEFORE MARCH 1, 1978;
2. TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, MADE UP IN ITS MAJORITY OF THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE,

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AND WHICH POSSESSES EFFECTIVE POWERS TO LEAD THE TERRITORY TO INDEPENDENCE;

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3. TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE, SECURITY AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS IN THE AREA, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE TO INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, DEMOCRACY, PROGRESS AND JUSTICE, AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN AND THE OAU.

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE BELIEVES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN SHOULD IN THE TRANSITIONAL PHASE ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT BELONG TO IT. NAMELY, IT IS ITS TASK TO NEUTRALIZE AND DISMANTLE THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY FORCES WHICH EXPRESS THE AGGRESSIVE CHARACTER OF RACISM AND COLONIALISM, TO ORGANIZE THE TOTAL EVACUATION OF THE MERCENARY FORCES, AND TO GUARANTEE THAT THE TERRITORY ACHIEVES ITS INDEPENDENCE IN KEEPING WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN AND THE OAU AND THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY GREAT BRITAIN.

THE CONCERN OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR JUST MEASURES THAT WILL LEAD TO NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE AND LIBERTY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS CONCERN ALSO OPENS UP A NEW POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES AND WILL PERMIT THE CONSOLIDATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, WHICH PURSUES A POLICY OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH ALL STATES, NOTES WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE

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DESIRES OF YOUR EXCELLENCY TO DEVELOP RELATIONS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR STATES, AND IS DESIROUS THAT THE GOOD WILL EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO PARTIES WILL RESULT IN EFFECTIVE ACTIONS.

I EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO YOUR WIFE, MY SALUTATIONS AND WISHES OF GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY.

HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS.

/SIGNED/

SAMORA MOISES MACHEL

PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS TO DO SO IN THE PAST, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE INDEPENDENCE THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL HAS GIVEN THE USG ANY SUBSTANTIVE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE TONE OF THE LETTER IS ENCOURAGING, AND MAY PROVIDE BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF USEFUL DIALOGUE ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT WITH MACHEL AND THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE WITH PRESIDENTS NYERERE, KAUNDA AND KHAMA.

WHEN VIEIRA HANDED ME THE LETTER, HE SAID THAT IT WAS PROMPTED BY THE WARMTH OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTERS AND BY THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. VIEIRA SAID THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME TO FACILITATE DELIVERY OF LETTERS TO PRESIDENT MACHEL, SHOULD I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVER MESSAGES AND SHOULD I NOT FIND THE FOREIGN MINISTER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. FROM THESE REMARKS BY VIEIRA, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT VIEIRA ANTICIPATES THERE MAY BE FUTURE EXCHANGES OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS.

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